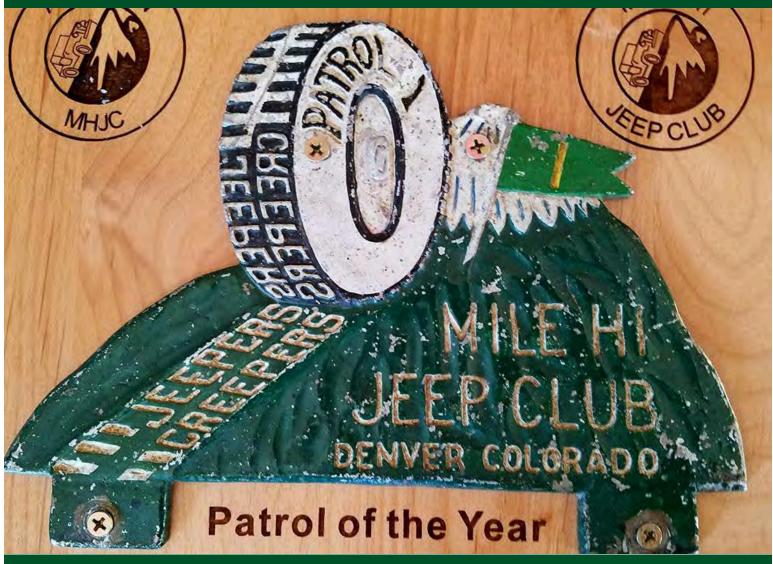
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About Mile-Hi Jeep Club

Mile-Hi Jeep Club of Colorado is a 501c(7) non-profit organization whose purpose is to unite adventure loving people in worthwhile 4-wheel drive activities; to educate its members in the proper manner of all road driving; to protect and preserve the natural beauty and terrain; to participate, on a voluntary basis, in search and rescue and other humanitarian missions as the community needs; to share good fellowship while operating our vehicles in a manner so as to preserve and protect our land for all generations; and to extend the courtesy of the open road to all.

Visit our website at <u>www.mhjc.org</u> for more information!



From our family to yours...

Happy holidays from Mile-Hi Jeep Club!

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Commander's Corner

A point of view...

A point of view as in the difference between saying, "what would you like me to do," and "I think we should do this, not that." It's the difference between being just a cog and making an impact. Having a point of view is different from always being correct. No one is always correct. Expressing your point of view is important, hiding because you're not sure merely makes you invisible.

Maybe it is time to put some meaning into what you do every day by having a point of view. Make a difference in YOUR Club. Get involved, volunteer!

Mike Bowden Mile-Hi Jeep Club Commander



Club Happenings

Holiday Party

It was great seeing everyone who made it out to our "sports-themed" holiday party this year! Special thanks to Gail Moul from Patrol 5 for all of her hard work organizing another successful event!

Awards were presented for Jeeper of the Year and Patrol of the Year, and recognition to our club and All-4-Fun committee chair volunteers.

Volunteers, we can't thank all of you enough for all you do for the club!





2017 Jeeper of the Year

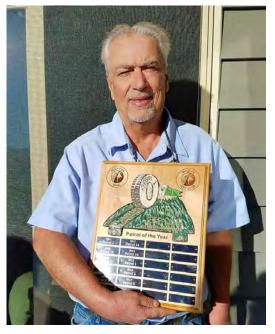
This year's Jeeper of the Year award goes to Cory Moul. Cory grew up in this club and joined in 1999, 18 years ago. He has been a member that always volunteers when needed and sometimes takes on more than he should at one time. But he cares so much about this club; he will help do whatever it takes to keep this club going for the future generations to enjoy as much as he does. Congratulations, Cory!

2017 Patrol of the Year

Congratulations to Kevin Durham and everyone in Patrol 4 for being honored as the Mile-Hi Jeep Club Patrol of the Year!

"Thank you, Mike Bowden for recognizing what the patrol members in patrol 4 are trying to accomplish. We have a great group of people and they are an asset to the patrol and to Mile High Jeep Club. We are all very proud to have been picked as patrol of the year. This means so much to us and to me personally."

Thank you, Kevin Durham





Did You Know?

The decoration on the front of **Patrol of the Year** *plaque is made from the first license plate from Patrol One in 1956.*

The winning Patrol keeps the plaque for the duration of the following year, then it is passed on to the next Patrol who wins the award.

2018 Officers

Nominations were made at the October and November Parent Club meetings for the 2018 officers. Our 2017 officers received uncontested nominations and will continue another term in the upcoming year!

Commander – Mike Bowden

Treasurer – Gina Van Horn

Secretary – Guen Hiller

Christmas Caravan for Kids

Mile-Hi Jeep Club hosted another successful event this year! Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed the festivities!





Hackett Gulch - Patrol 4



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Webster Pass Trail Maintenance - Patrol 16



All-4-Fun 2018

Mile-Hi Jeep Club's 52nd Annual ALL-4-FUN Event Powered by Bestop



will be held in **Silverton, CO** July 28th - Aug 4th, 2018

The All-4-Fun event is a week long 4-wheeling adventure in the Colorado Rockies. It has been called one of the best 4-wheeling experiences in the country. Participants have daily opportunities to enjoy the surrounding mountains and 4x4 roads and trails. Wednesday is set aside for a day of relaxation and a time to visit with exhibiting vendors. Friday evening is door prize night where each paid registered driver has an opportunity to win a door prize. The proceeds from the All-4-Fun event allow MHJC to continue to make annual contributions to Children's Hospital Burn Camp, Stay the Trail and other land use projects. Primitive camping spaces are available for your tent or RV. There are no electric, water or sewer hookups. However, we will provide access to potable water and portable latrines.

You must be self-sufficient.



Electronic Registration will open on Jan 1st, 2018

If you would like to be added to our mailing list for the event, go to the following link: https://mhjc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=203&club_id=241053&sl=689926786

or www.MHJC.org or www.a4fun.org or email all4funinfo@mhjc.org for more information





www.facebook.com/A4Fun

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!



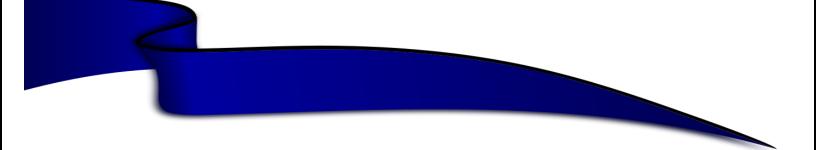
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Happy Anniversary!

Jeff and Dianna Anderson
Dean Austin and Susanne Orth
Remko Boot and Nicolette Margalef
Ted and Janae Cull
John and Esther Davenport
Charles and Beth Dwyer

- George and Dorothy Hays Dave Larson Will and Dee Martitz Jed and Diane McClelland Dean and Deborah Meshurel Mark and Melissa Baynes
- Nick Parsons Barry and Nancy Shields Jerry and Bernadette Ward Chuck and Pam Wilcox Mark Woodworth



November Parent Club Meeting

Parent Club Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2017, 7:00 pm - Westminster Elks Club, 3850 Elk Drive, Westminster, CO 80030

Call to Order

Meeting called to Order by Mike Bowden, 7:15 pm.

Pledge Allegiance

Announcements

We do not have enough voting members present at the meeting tonight, so official business will be postponed, including voting for the 2018 officers.

Meeting Minutes

Parent Club meeting minutes approval will be deferred until next month, due to lack of a quorum.

Attendees

MHJC Patrol Members Present

Patrol 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21

Officer Election 2018

Mike Bowden remains the only nomination for Commander, therefore will be the 2018 Commander.

Gina VanHorn remains the only nomination for Treasurer,

therefore will be the 2018 Treasurer.

Bill Adams nominates Guen Hiller for Secretary, the nomination is accepted and remains the only nomination, therefore will be the 2018 Secretary.

Committee Reports

Membership, Mike Priola

- 429 total member families
 - o 269 voting members
 - o 132 need to find a Patrol
 - o 48 voting members in attendance (57 required for quorum)
- 5 guests at meeting (introductions)
- New member meet and greet at the end of the meeting. *Public Relations, Cory Moul*
- Northern Colorado 4x4 clubs Toy Drive this weekend at Loveland 4WheelParts
- Charity Rally held by former Patrol of MHJC
 - o Fundraiser for Judy's House
 - o Usually 50-100 vehicles
 - o See Cory for flyers
 - o More information on the MHJC website calendar
 - Christmas Caravan for Kids Toy Drive
 - o Saturday, December 2nd
 - o 50+ vendors, lots of activities
 - o 10 caravan locations (2 new locations this year)
 - o Lincoln College of Technology
 - o For more information, visit christmascaravanforkids.org
 - o Looking for volunteers to help stuff bags, if interested, contact Tom Hester
- Sportsmen's Expo in January

Legal, Jeff Miller (absent) / Lana Hofman (absent) Trip Planner, Norman Dillon (absent) Land Conservation, Mike Paris

- Good meeting tonight
- Wrapped up this year, planning activities for next year
- Received certificate from State Association for 2300 volunteer hours
 - o Additional 2500 All-4-Fun hours
 - o Add Patrol hours not reported, total over 5000 hours
- Visit the website for information, we will be updating adopted trails, etc.

All-4-Fun, Cory Moul

- Meetings will be held on the 2nd Sunday at 5pm at the Westminster Elks
- Looking for chair volunteers
 - o Trip Planner
 - Decides schedules
 - Organizes volunteers/trip leaders
 - Prepares booklets
 - o Entertainment
- July 28th August 4th
- Registration opens January 1st
- Paid participant limit this year is 300
- Will be updating the website shortly for the 2018 event

Aspencades

If interested in hosting, contact Mike Bowden.

Newsletter, TBD

Megan Devich resigned as committee chair, but willing to help knowledge transfer to new volunteer.

Holiday Party, Gail Moul

- Holiday Inn Stapleton on Saturday, December 2nd
- \$20/person for dinner
- Register online on the club website, deadline November 18th
- Discounted hotel rooms available for \$85/night
- St. Patrick's Day Parade, TBD

Creepy Crawl, TBD

Historian, John Davenport

Entertainment, TBD

Holiday pot luck for refreshments next month.

Finance, Gina VanHorn

Report sent by e-mail.

Old Business

New Business

VE Group on Facebook, Joe McDonough

- Free classes/testing for amateur radio license.
- Class coming up this Monday.
- Will post more information on the website.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 7:48 pm (no vote, since no quorum). **Refreshments**

Thank you to Patrols 6 and 16 for hosting refreshments tonight!

Meet the Patrols



Patrol 1 Hobo Jeepers Robert Stubbs patrol1@mhjc.org

The spirit of a "Hobo" and the fun of Jeeping are the ideals of our name. As Hobos ride the trails, we instead drive the trails in that same traveling spirit. We like to run from the scenic Jeeping routes, to the rugged adventure trips. The Hobos of Patrol 1 have mainly modified Jeeps, as lifts and lockers are recommended for most trips. The Hobos also enjoy all the MHJC has to offer, hold our Annual Hobo Run and "Tread Lightly". We get together every month at various members houses around Denver.

Patrol 2 Rat Patrol Joe McDonough patrol2@mhjc.org

Our patrol is dedicated to having a blast doing the Jeep thing. We welcome all those that come along on our trail rides. We like to do all types of trails, from very difficult to moderate. We hold monthly patrol meetings on the 2nd Sunday of each month at patrol member's homes to plan next months trail rides. We do, at a minimum, one trail a month. We make it a point that every vehicle that goes out, comes back. Our patrol is not just limited to Jeeps, if it's ready, let's GO!

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Patrol 3 Rock Jocks Chad Wilson <u>patrol3@mhjc.org</u>

Rock Jocks is Patrol 3 of the Mile-Hi Jeep Club (MHJC). The Patrol is a fun loving adventurous group that enjoys easy to hard core trails. Members have to have a minimum of 33" tires, and lockers or limited slip. Expect to have fun, no bull, no politics. We enjoy the trails, help keep them open, and teach others how to do the same.



Patrol 4 Lost Patrol Kevin Durham <u>patrol4@mhjc.org</u>

Our focus is to support the members of Patrol 4 to get out and enjoy the "JeepLife" safely. We run trails all year rating from 1 to 8, have Patrol meetings, support off-road agencies, All-4-Fun and Christmas Caravan up to having overnight camping excursions. A key commitment to our Patrol members is no one gets left behind! We have members of all ages who live all over the Denver Metro area; families welcome. Patrol and vehicle requirements are minimal and dictated by trail ratings.

Patrol 5 The Low Rangers Gail Moul <u>patrol5@mhjc.org</u>

Members include singles, couples, families with kiddos & our 4 legged families. We live all around the surrounding Denver area. Patrol 5 is active in All-4-Fun, Christmas Caravan, Stay The Trail, and we support all MHJC functions. We occasionally plan other events and activities that are not 4-wheeling related, BBQ's, vehicle rallies, parades, dinner, etc. We enjoy camping and scenic to moderate Jeeping. Trips include day trips, weekends and week-long excursions. Most of our vehicles are equipped to handle most any kind of Jeeping.



Patrol 6 F Troop Mark Woodworth patrol6@mhjc.org

Patrol 6, "F"Troop" to our friends, was founded under the concept that we all can work together to achieve, that "serious" needs to be left behind, winching is fun, and snow makes the trails interesting. We are diverse, CJ 3, CJ5, CJ6, 715, CJ7, XJ, YJ, ZJ, TJ, LJ, Samurai, Rock Buggy, even a JKR and JKU is in the mix. We bring the right rig to the trail of the day, many of us have several different types to maximize the occasion. Serious trails are the normal outing, we seldom take the gravel roads. Performance upgrades are built, not just bought, and our vehicles are custom. A core of experienced wheelers and some unique outliers make us eclectic and sometimes hard to bear. We are always there for club outings, events and whenever a volunteer is needed. Trail maintenance, being prepared, safe and capable, land access and time on the trail are important.

Patrol 7 Rainbow Chasers Jerry Cronk <u>patrol7@mhjc.org</u>

We continually participate in and actively support the leadership of MHJC and the annual All-4-Fun. We are a fun group of couples who enjoy each other and a variety of social activities, 4-wheeling, and camping. Vehicles vary in make, model, and year, as do our members! Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at different members' homes. Guests are always welcome at our meetings and outings.



Patrol 8 Rock Pirates

Will Carter patrol8@mhjc.org

Founded in 1999, our patrol enjoys all 4x4s, short and long wheelbase. We welcome families and singles who are ready to help us achieve our simple goals: have fun, attend our functions and those planned by other patrols and clubs, and work hard to see that our sport of 4-wheeling, and the land we enjoy, is available for generations to come.

Patrol 9 Trail Dawgs Dave Gray <u>patrol9@mhjc.org</u>

We are or have been members of the US Uniformed Services and First Responder organizations. We drive lightly to heavily modified vehicles and enjoy easy to difficult runs. Most runs are day trips on the weekends with kids and dogs. We enjoy night runs, weekend trips, and camping. Safety is primary in everything we do. We practice courtesy toward other trail users, and we guide and assist each other so no one is left behind. We participate in trail maintenance, reforestation, and the Four Wheel Emergency Assistance Team.



Patrol 10 Black Diamond Jeepers Patty Grosmick <u>patrol10@mhjc.org</u>

We like to do all kinds of trails, mostly moderate to scenic. We have highly modified to near stock rigs. We consist of families with kids, couples, & singles. We enjoy day & weekend trips, all club related activities. We are BIG supporters of ALL-4-Fun. We are very informal and friendly - meet as often as possible - no pressure to participate - with no limit to patrol members.

Patrol 11 Cliffhangers Alicia Ross patrol11@mhjc.org

Our patrol is active in the pursuit of adventurous, safe and fun 4wheeling. Our members live all over the metro area and are of all ages. We participate in All-4-Fun, Toys for Tots and other MHJC activities. We meet for our patrol meetings, when needed, as it fits our members' schedules. We enjoy moderate to sometimes difficult 4-wheeling. We are firm believers in "Stay The Trail" and we practice safe and responsible 4-wheeling. We believe in educating future generations about preservation of trails and safe 4 wheeling. Visitors are always welcome.

Patrol 12 Fugowie Four Wheelers Dave Mozell patrol12@mhjc.org

Patrol 12 is dedicated to enjoying the scenic beauty of Colorado from its backroads. We have younger and older members with vehicles from moderate to major modifications. We run 25 trips each year including two trips to Moab and All-4-Fun. Most trips are moderate in difficulty and located in the front range of Colorado. A few are more challenging. In order to maintain a closely knit membership we have participation requirements and we limit ourselves to 15 active members at any one time. Visitors and new members are welcome to come along with us on our adventures. Tean Room

Patrol 13 The Trail Runners

John Davenport patrol13@mhjc.org

Established in 1958, The Trail Runners Patrol is one of the oldest continuous Patrols in Mile-Hi Jeep Club (MHJC). We have members of all ages, including several Lifetime MHJC members, one of whom helped found our Patrol and is currently the oldest member of MHJC!

We enjoy all kinds of trails including scenic, moderate, and rock crawling. We have no vehicle minimums to join our Patrol, although some trail runs might. In addition to trail runs and MHJC events, we also get together for other outings or activities, and actively participate on the MHJC Land Conservation committee.

We have regular Patrol meetings on the second Saturday of every month, alternating between members' homes, and we welcome new members and visitors. We are currently one of the smaller Patrols, but we are growing. Look for us on the MHJC Calendar and come visit us anytime!

Patrol 14 The Alpine 14ers Bill David patrol14@mhjc.org

We are a large, active patrol that has members of all ages and vehicle ability. We enjoy a variety of moderate degrees, and run both local trails and overnight trips. Our priorities are 4-wheeling, trail maintenance, and helping each other.



Patrol 15 High Altitude Fourwheelers Jeff Fish patrol15@mhjc.org

Patrol 15 members range from Lifetime Members to Associate Members, to first timers. Our wheeling experience ranges from moderate to experienced with the majority of rigs set up moderate to extreme. Members are spread out across Colorado with our 'adopted Coloradoans' that live out of state. We enjoy trails that range from scenic/ historic to challenging/ extreme. We welcome singles, families and old farts of all kinds, as long as you have a good sense of humor and like to have a good time.



Patrol 16 Sasquatch Jeepers Ryan Boudreau patrol16@mhjc.org

We are comprised of various aged people who drives various makes and models of vehicles which have moderate to extreme modifications. We try to run at least 2 trails per month (moderate to extremely difficult). Membership into this patrol requires at least 35" tires, dual lockers, front and rear recovery points, and a winch.

Patrol 18 The Outcasts 1 10 100 Mike Paris patrol18@mhjc.org

The purpose of this Patrol is to organize members of the Mile-Hi Jeep Club of Colorado (MHJC) and their families into a cohesive, friendly, and supportive group of off-road enthusiasts to enjoy the benefits of our sport, support the MHJC, perform trail maintenance projects, and advocate for land use issues. Members of this Patrol will enjoy the camaraderie of wheeling with other four wheel drive vehicles.



Patrol 19 The Jeep Hikers Norman Dillon patrol19@mhjc.org

The purpose of Patrol 19 "The Jeep Hikers" is to organize members of the Mile-Hi Jeep Club of Colorado (MHJC) and their families into a cohesive, friendly, social and supportive group of off-road enthusiasts to enjoy the benefits of our sport, support the parent organization and help educate others. The majority of our trips are during the day and on weekends. We also do night runs, over landing and camping trips. We Stay the Trail® and Tread Lightly® at all times! We pack out (plus) what we pack in on the trail and at camp. Safety is the number one factor in all that we do on the trail, on the road, or in camp. We practice courtesy toward other trail users at all times and we leave no one behind. Please contact us for more information, including our requirements for acceptance.



Patrol 20 Maze Runners Four Wheelers Craig Carpenter patrol20@mhjc.org

Est in 2015, we believe in a cohesive, friendly, respectful, courteous, supportive, cooperative, & safety-minded group, on and off the trails. We strive to create & maintain positive relationships with members of other Patrols, other outdoor enthusiasts, & our community. We support trail maintenance projects and advocate for the responsible use of wilderness areas. This is a diverse group that welcomes individuals, couples and families of all ages.



Patrol 21 The Outlaws Jordan White patrol21@mhjc.org

In true Outlaw spirit, we are composed of all ages, vehicles and walks of life, 4 legs included you can't forget a Jeepers best friend. The Outlaws is welcome to first time Jeepers and veteran offroaders. We like to tackle the most difficult terrain and also enjoy a Sunday drive or a friendly get together. Runs can be led by any patrol member and we encourage to branch out and go wheeling with anyone!



Patrol 22 The Outsiders Bryan Hamilton patrol22@mhjc.org

Land Use Partners



Stay The Trail

Our mission is to reinforce and highlight responsible off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, and to modify and mitigate irresponsible use in an effort to minimize resource damage on public lands. Our goal is to create a statewide culture of responsible OHV use which will continue beyond the life of the project, effectively creating a stewardship ethic among all Colorado OHV recreationists. <u>www.staythetrail.org</u>

Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition

The mission of the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO) is to represent, educate, assist, and empower OHV recreationists via the protection and promotion of off-highway motorized recreation throughout Colorado. COHVCO is an environmental organization that advocates and promotes the



responsible use and conservation of our public lands and natural resources to preserve their aesthetic and recreational qualities for future generations. <u>www.cohvco.org</u>



Blue Ribbon Coalition

The Blue Ribbon Coalition champions responsible use of public lands for the benefit of all recreationists by educating and imploring its members to: secure, protect, and expand shared outdoor recreations, access, and use; work collaboratively with land managers and other recreationists; educate the general

public, media, elected officials, and other decision-makers on recreation and access issues; promote equitable and responsible land management; affect the political and administrative process; support recreation on, and promote respect for, private property; and encourage appropriate enforcement of the law. The Blue Ribbon Coalition is a well organized, financially sound, and steadily growing national coalition of organizations, businesses, and individuals.

TreadLightly!

Tread Lightly Inc. is a national non-profit organization with a mission to proactively protect recreation access and

opportunities in the outdoors through education and stewardship initiatives. Not only is Tread Lightly Inc. the nation's signature ethics message for outdoor enthusiasts that use motorized and mechanized vehicles, but also Tread Lightly Inc. offers unique training and restoration programs strategically designed to instill an ethic of responsibility in a wide variety of outdoor enthusiasts and the industries that serve them. The organization's goal is to balance the needs of people who enjoy outdoor recreation with society's need to maintain a healthy environment, and we are leading the way to help remedy current recreation issues. Tread Lightly Inc. is funded by donations from individual members, corporations, dealerships, clubs, retailers, and other organizations interested in spreading the message of responsible and ethical use of the outdoors. www.treadlightly.org





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